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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE:
Press report of Abdul Khaliq Houssana's statement on overall affairs concerning the Arab League: Points made by him included Jordan waters, Israel activities, Arab foreign policy & others.

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8b) P.R. Metcalfe C.R.O.
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Copy to Mr. Metcalfe, C.R.O. to Mr. Kirkland, D.I.S.

The reference in §3 to payment to Arab League funds in kind is interesting. The country in question might be the U.A.R. and their payment might be in surplus Soviet military equipment. They are after all short of cash and have been attempting to foist their MIGs on Jordan.

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My impression is that the UAR, in so far as they have been pressing the Jordanians at all, are anxious to act as agents for Soviet MIGs. The Jordanians are interested in new machines and of a much more advanced type than that now in service with the UARAF, and there may be little room for the UAR to sell off some older machines of their own. There are however other possible destinations e.g. the PLA.

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Good Sir

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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Dear Tony,

This week's "Akhir Sa'a" carries an interview with Abdul Khaliq Hassouna by Wagih Abu Dhikri (his interview last week with Ahmed Shukeiri I reported in my letter 1074/65 of January 23). Points made by Hassouna included the following.

2. Jordan Waters

Lebanon was executing the resolutions of the Arab Summit Conference: no attention should be paid to the Lebanese press. Work was going on on the Hasbani. Hassouna had also seen work in progress on the Banias. Jordan had begun preliminary works on the Mukhaiba Dam. By the end of 1967 the Arabs would be benefiting from the flood-waters of the Jordan tributaries; originally it had been planned that work would be completed in 1966, but the building of the Mukhaiba Dam would add a whole year.

3. Finance

"I can say that there is one country with which we are coming to an agreement about the method of payment - whether in cash or in kind. Once agreement has been reached on this, all the Arab countries will have fulfilled their obligations to the Arab League, the Unified Command, and the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

4. Arab Foreign Policies

Among the policies agreed at the First Arab Summit was that the relationship between the Arab

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countries and foreign countries should depend upon ~~this~~ their attitude to Arab causes, particularly the cause of Palestine. This would apply to Germany, whose supplying of arms to Israel would be taken into account.

5. Israeli Activities in Africa

The Arab League would have offices in Dakar, Accra, Lagos, Addis Ababa, and Nairobi, as part of their efforts to stop Israel's infiltration into Africa.

6. The Occupied South

"Frankly, I have my own opinion on this. It is that all the bodies engaged in the struggle in the Arab South should first unite their efforts and agree on a charter; thereafter the Arab League Council could decide how to offer aid to the united revolutionaries."

7. We are sending copies of this letter to the Chanceries at Washington, Beirut, Damascus, Amman, Baghdad and Tel Aviv, and to P.O.M.E.C., Aden.

Yours ever,

Harry

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